

The Best Railroad News Yet.

We have some excellent railroad news for our readers this week. It certainly looks like the company means business, and if we can believe anything we can't help having some faith in all this ado. The Rockingham Register of last week has the following:

Work is about to begin on the Chesapeake & Western railroad which goes far to demonstrate the serious purpose of the promoters of that important project. A majority of the bonds of the old Narrow Gauge road have been secured, and the line of that road will be utilized, so far as practicable, in the construction of the new road. In lieu of absolute control of all these outstanding securities, it becomes necessary to bring condemnation proceedings in the County Court of Rockingham in order to acquire a clear title to the Narrow Gauge road-bed and this will be done at the June term. The old company, we are informed, has accepted services in this proceeding, and will interpose no obstacle.

An arrangement has been made with the B. & O. company by which the new road will put in frogs and switches necessary to make a connection with the Narrow Gauge road at the southern end of town. The location of this connection will be on the property of J. H. McLaughlin. Land damages to Mr. McLaughlin are to be ascertained by arbitration, and the following gentlemen have been selected to make the assessment: Peter Gayer, Patrick Sullivan and G. W. Alford. They now have the matter under consideration and may be ready to report their award tomorrow.

An order for 15,000 ties has been given to Edward Purcell and D. C. Reherd, to be delivered as needed on the line west of Harrisonburg. We hope in our next issue to be able to report still further developments looking to the early prosecution of the actual construction of the road.

A special dispatch to the Baltimore Sun, bearing date June 7th, from Harrisonburg, reports the following:

Ground was broken here today on the new Chesapeake and Western Railroad. The first spadeful of earth was thrown by Mrs. Mary L. Pollock, proprietress of the Hotel Wilton. The new company has secured control of the road-bed and property rights of the old Narrow Gauge road, and this line will be utilized as far as practicable through Rockingham county. About forty men were at work today putting in the necessary frogs and switching for a connection with the Baltimore and Ohio tracks. The crossing will be located at the southern end of town. This is a part of the projected line from Tidewater to Charleston W. Va., to which citizens of Rockingham have subscribed \$150,000, payable when the road is completed through the county, provided this is done not later than January 1, 1897.

A Quarrel in Court.

New York, June 7.—A lively scene took place today in the Court of Common Pleas, presided over by Judge Daly, during the trial of a suit of George W. Cornish against W. E. D. Stokes and W. R. Martin. John S. Wise, Jr., ex-Congressman from Virginia, counsel for the plaintiff, has during the trial, had several tilts with Albert B. Boardman, and when Mr. Wise referred today to a former action between W. E. D. Stokes and E. S. Stokes as having been decided in favor of the latter Mr. Boardman said that the statement was not true.

"You are a liar and a blackguard," shouted Mr. Wise.

"You lie," retorted Mr. Boardman.

Mr. Wise rushed toward Mr. Boardman, but stopped as Judge Daly pounded his gavel on the desk and cried: "Cease this unseemly conduct. Remember, you are in a court of justice."

The lawyers apologized to the court and Mr. Wise resumed his address to the jury.

At the close of court, Boardman and Wise met in the corridor, and the former asked Wise if he had meant what he said when he called him a blackguard and a liar.

"Yes, and I repeat it," shouted Wise.

"It may be better for you not," said Boardman.

"You are a coward," said Wise, "and a blackguard as well."

"Shut your mouth," said Boardman, walking away from his angry opponent, who, however, followed and threatened to slap Boardman's face. Boardman then challenged Wise to meet him outside to settle the matter, but the offer was not accepted, and the angry men were separated by friends.—Baltimore Sun.

Small-pox at Staunton.

The Staunton papers report that the scourge which has done so much damage has about lost its grip. From Friday, May 31st, to June 6th no new cases were reported by Dr. Catlett, city physician, and all cases in his charge were doing well. During that period one death occurred, that of an aged colored woman.

Masonic Temple Corner Stone Laid.

On Thursday evening in the presence of a large crowd of spectators the corner stone of the new Masonic temple was laid with imposing ceremonies. There was singing and prayer and the usual proclamation delivered by the grand master. In the box under the stone were old coins, notes, newspapers, etc., well on to a hundred different articles. The stone has an inset surface fronting on the street bearing the square and compass and the dates 1789-1895. The Stonewall band headed the long parade of Masons as they marched through the principal streets before the stone-laying.—Argus.

Smallpox at Roanoke.

ROANOKE, VA., June 11.—A young white man named Fritz, who lives at 1516 Wise avenue, near Carr's woods, is reported to be suffering from a well-developed case of smallpox. He is under the care of Dr. J. L. Stone, an expert in the disease. The case is said to have broken out on Sunday, but it was not until last night that it was pronounced to be smallpox.

Mr. C. E. Harman, General Passenger Agent of the Western and Atlantic Railroad, has notified the Public Comfort Committee of the Cotton States and International Exposition that his road has entered into a contract with the officials of the Grand Army of the Republic to transport 25,000 members of that order from Chattanooga to Atlanta on the 20th of September, the day after the opening exercises at Chickamauga National Park. The officials of the Southern Railway say that they will handle very large crowds between the same points at that time, and it is expected that together with the Confederate Veterans, who will meet the Grand Army people at Atlanta on Blue and Gray day, and with other visitors, the crowd on that occasion will approach 100,000.

Weather Prophet Hints on June.

An equinox of Mercury is central on June 3 and will tend to prolong cloudiness and storms through much of the time up to the storm period commencing about the 5th. The Venus equinox is central on the 12th, with Jupiter bearing directly from May 17th, hence we may look for dangerous phenomena from about 6th to 9th and the reactionary storms from about 11th to 13th are apt to be many and heavy. Local water-spouts and cloudbursts, in the nature of things, are to be apprehended. Hail, with intense electrical activity, and sudden changes to very cool, are things to be expected. Watch for tornado and cyclonic developments. Such is the case this month. From 16th to 20th expect many storms, much rain in many places, with vivid lightning, hail and wind. New moon on 22nd will prolong storm conditions into 22nd and 23rd. Very cool for the season after the storms have passed away. Frost possible in extreme north. June ends growing very warm, with storms in full progress from east to west.

There will be a contest over the sheriffship of Rockingham county. Sheriff Lam has served notice on John A. Switzer charging him with fraud and demanding a recount. Attorney James B. Stephenson is in the cause for the defendant.

Secretary Carlisle will this week resume his financial speech making in Kentucky. According to advices received by him his other speeches have had a marked effect upon the Democratic sentiment of the State.

Cut-Worms.

The agricultural experiment station of West Virginia has recently made observations as to the habits of the cut-worms, on account of the great number at work on young plants, &c., in that State. A cut-worm was placed under a glass case and property cared for and after a while it changed to a grass-hopper; so, it is thought that they make this change in the summer and the grass-hopper deposits the eggs that make the cut-worm for the next Spring. The reason given for their plentifulness this season is that the dry weather last summer was favorable for the deposit of eggs. An over production of grass-hoppers is predicted.

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More Suits Against Mahone.

Tuesday's Washington Post says: "Jacob Tome, of Port Deposit, Md.; M. M. Parker, and John C. Head, of this city, yesterday made answer to the recent suit in equity brought against them and General William Mahone, of Virginia, by Richard S. Windsor, an executor of the estate of the late David A. Windsor. He alleged General Mahone was owing the estate \$13,500, for which judgment was rendered November 3, 1892, and asked that the property near North Capitol and L streets northwest, known as the Mahone site for the proposed new Government Printing Office, be sold to satisfy this judgment. General Mahone and the late Mr. Windsor having been joint owners.

"Accompanying the answer is a copy of a note for \$100,000 given by General Mahone and David Windsor February 12, 1892, in favor of Mr. Tome, with interest semi-annually at 6 percent. They say that this note is secured by a deed of trust, and because of default in payment has a right to demand a sale of the property. The answer also sets forth that the taxes have not been met, and that Mr. Thomas W. Smith has bought in two certificates amounting to \$2,401.60. This does not include \$1,320 in taxes now due.

A Revolution in Men's Dress.

New York World: "There's one thing about the bicycle craze," said a tailor yesterday; "I believe it is going to revolutionize men's attire, which has been so sombre for so many years. Dress reformers have done much for women, but men's clothing is practically the same year in and year out.

"The leaders of fashion are not as a rule robust, and the chaps who lead cotillions have small legs. If the wheel develops their calves, as it will, I believe the age of short clothes will return, and knee breeches for evening dress may be seen again in drawing-rooms. Bloomers are popular, for a shapely woman likes folks to know it. Thin-legged men have a chance to build up their calves in summer for the winter's glory."

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Lexington Gazette, 6th; Hon. Jacob Yost has gone to work to open up an ore bank which he owns near Vesuvius. The owners of the iron ore bank near Midvale have also a force of hands at work on their property.

Obituary.

Died, on Back Creek, Sunday, June 2nd, Mary Grace Ryder, beloved daughter of John S. and Estelle Ryder, in her seventh year, after an illness of five weeks.

During her entire sickness she exhibited the most remarkable patience. She was entirely free from that fretfulness and peevishness that naturally belong to childhood life. Under such conditions she seemed to be admonished of the coming of death, and talked astonishingly, for one of her age, about dying and the bright beyond. There is no doubt that it is well with Grace and that she has joined the countless throng of children in the children's home above. A bright light has gone out of her parents' home. How much her mother misses her and how lonely is the home without the dear little one around whose coming left the mothers' affections were entwined. May the God of all grace comfort and the deeply bereaved parents.

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